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Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification do not appear this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings do not appear in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.